Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 27.

(*c*) No special reasons beyond interst of public service.

Sri M. DODDANA GOUD.—May I know why the question as sent by me is being changed ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—I do not think it is changed.

Sri M. DODDANA GOUD.—Is it not a fact that the Managers working in the Divisional Commissioner's Office at Gulbarga, Sriyuts : Deshapande and Hanumantha Rao are being continued for more than five years ? Is it a fact that they are obstructing the preparation of seniority list and this has affected the other officers in the district ?

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—I do not think these two persons are kept there for special reasons. So far as Sri Deshapande is concerned, he was promoted and he is being retained there for one special reason. The Government had to file one suit in connection with the property of one Rani Ayyamma which involves lakhs of rupees. This officer is in the know of facts and therefore he is kept there to collect information and document. Except for this, there is no other reason and I do not think he is meddling with establishment matters.

Sri B. P. GANGADHAR.—Is it not a fact that on account of him, seniority list is not prepared ? He is coming in the way because if it is prepared, he will go below.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—What the hon. Member now says is if the seniority list is revised these people will go below. The question put is why these officers are kept there ? If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I will answer.

Delay in construction of a Bridge across Malaprabha River near Ramdurg

917. Smt. SHARADAVVA M. PATTAN (Ramdurg).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reason for the delay in constructing bridge which is very essential across the Malaprabha river near Ramdurg ;

(*b*) whether the Bijapur-Ramdurg-Saundatti-Dharwar-Bangalore National Highway is often blocked during rainy season due to absence of a bridge at this place ;

(*c*) the steps taken by the Government to start the construction work of this bridge during this year ?

Sri BASAVARAJ MAGAVI (Deputy Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) Paucity of funds.

(*b*) Yes; the road is blocked during floods.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of reply to clause (*a*) of the question.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶಾರದಮ್ಮ ಎಂ. ಪಟ್ಟಣ.—ನಮ್ಮ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಹಿಂದೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇರಾಖೆ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ, ಈ ಸೇತುವೆಯನ್ನು ನಾಲ್ಕನೇ ಪಂಚವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರು. ಹಣದ ಕೊರತೆಯಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಲಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹಣದ ಕೊರತೆ ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಸಹ ಇದ್ದೇ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಸೇತುವೆಯ ಕೆಲಸ ಈ ವರ್ಷವೇ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಮಾಗಾವಿ.—ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಸೇತುವೆ ಕೆಲಸ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆದೇಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಬೋರ್ಸ್ ಹಾಕಿ ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರೀ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಆದಷ್ಟು ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಈ ಸೇತುವೆ ಕೆಲಸ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಶಾರದಮ್ಮ ಎಂ. ಪಟ್ಟಣ.—ರೀ ಎಸ್ಟಿಮೇಟ್ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಲೇ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸೈಕ್ಲೋಸ್ಟೈಲ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿಗೆ 15 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ರ್ಯಾಪ್ಸ್ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಮುಗಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಸವರಾಜ ಮಾಗಾವಿ.—ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣವಿಂದಲೂ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಂತಿಲ್ಲ. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ತೊಂದರೆಯಿಂದ ನಿಂತಿದೆ. ಸೈಕ್ಲೋಸ್ಟೈಲ್ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Diversion of water from Barapole River to Lakshmanateertha in Coorg District

918. Sri N. LOKAYYA NAIK (Virajpet).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is any scheme before the Government to divert the water of Barapole river water to Lakshmanateertha in Coorg District;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same;

(*c*) the extent of land that will be submerged on account of this scheme;

(*d*) the extent of land that would be available for irrigation;

(*e*) the amount required to be spent for this scheme?

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA. (Deputy Minister for Major Irrigation and Electricity) [On behalf of SRI VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*e*) Does not arise, in view of the reply furnished to (*a*).